

In the Specification

Please amend paragraph [0029] as follows:

[0029] A pair of pin slots 40 is formed in the upper block surface 20 to position a course of blocks relative to the next lower course at a predetermined batter angle regardless of whether the front wall 24 or rear wall 26 is exposed. Each pin slot 40 is formed in the upper block surface 20 on opposing sides of the central reference plane 36 and spaced equidistantly from the central reference plane 36 which allows either the front wall 24 or rear wall 26 of the block 14 to be exposed while maintaining the proper setback to form the desired batter angle. When building the block wall 10, one of the pin slots 40 receives a pin 48 that engages a pin engagement surface 44, 46 formed in the block 14 forming the next (upper) course of blocks. Preferably, the pin slots 40 are triangular for receiving a triangular pin 48, and are formed in the upper block surface 20 to present a flat outwardly facing engaging surface 50 of the triangular pin 48 against one of the pin engagement surfaces 44, 46 of the block 14 forming the next course of blocks 14 to properly position the front and rear walls 24, 26 of the block 14 relative to the front and rear walls 24, 26 of block 14 forming the prior (lower) course of blocks.